COMMERCIAL.

Virginia State Finances. The following is a condensed statement of the estimated probable charges upon the Treasury during the fiscal year, which will end the 30th of September, 1861, to be paid on warrants of the Auditor of Public Ac-

Balance in Treasury on the 1st of October,\$139,305 18

Estimated Receipts for the fiscal

Estimated disbursements for the year 1860-'61

..\$3,938,476 38

..\$138,268 75

Estimated balance in the Treasury on the 1st of October, 1861......

Monetary. During the week there has been but little doing, and we have no change to report in monetary affairs. The market may be quoted stringent,

and there is no decline in street rates. Exchange is in less active demand, but there is still a scarcity, and we quote on New York at 5 % et. premium; on l'hiladeiphia 41 (@5, and on Baltimore at 31 (a.4. In local stocks and securities, there is nothing doing, and no capital seeking investment. The news from Europe by the Kangaroo, at New York, is in answer to the back advices of

Friday, December 7, from this side. The favorable tener of the financial and commercial news took them by surprise in New York, especially the stock exchange and dealers in cotton and breadstuffs. The advance in Consols is equal to \$(a.1) The et, and in cotton id. The buoyancy in the tands is no doubt wholly due to the good news from China, the President's message, and the heavy decline in Railroad shares in our market attracting little attention. The New York Bank statement for the week is

looked upon as favorable, and shows about the features anticipated. The loan line shows a decrease, caused by the maturing of paper for which new discounts were not needed. The specie line is larger than at any time since June last, being \$5,000,000 above the lowest point of the fall .-The amount, however, was reduced a million and a half on Monday by the payments to the Sub-treasury to meet the interest warrant on the Gov-

A dispatch from Philadelphia states that a bank meeting was held there on Monday, and that it was resolved that it is inexpedient for the banks to resume specie payments until political affairs become more settled.

Alexandria Market, January 2. The receipts of produce during the week have been very light, and the transactions limited to small sales of Flour and Wheat. Flour has improved, and closed firm at \$5(485.50 for Super; Extra \$6 @\$6.25, and Family \$6.50 @\$8, according to brand. The principal demand has been for the lower grades, but there has been some enquiry for Extra for home and Washington con sumption. The offerings of Wheat have been very light, and we have but few sales to note. We quote white at 125@135c. for good to prime; red 125c, for good. Corn is in very light supply, while the demand is fair. There have been very few sales in small lots, and quotations are nomi nal, say 68(6,70c. Ryo is wanted, but the receipts are very limited, and we are unable to give accurate quotations. Oats are dull at 28(a.30c. The Grocery market has been very quiet, but we

The Markets.

are quiet, and business continues duil.

have no change to note in quotations Provisions

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2 .- Flour dull: Howard street and Ohio \$5.50; City Mills \$5. Wheat buoyant: new white 61@64e.; yellow 70@73c. Provisions firm; mess pork \$16.50; rump \$13. Land 104c .-Coffee dull at 12 (a. 13c. Whiskey firm at 19c.

NEW York, Jan. 2 .- Flour 5(a.10c. better .-Wheat le, higher. Corn firm. Provisions quiet. Whiskey quiet at 194c. Stocks are 2@4 P et.

Philadelphia Cattle Market, Dec. 31.

The receipts of Beef Cattle this week resched about 950 head, and the market was something better, prices ranging at \$7(6)\$9.75 % 100 ibs. net. for common to prime. Cows sold at from \$25(a) \$60 each, as to condition. Hogs-About 1250 head at market; sales at \$7 (6\$7.50 %) 100 ths net, for still and corn fed. Sheep-About 2500 were at market; sales at 41 @ 5c. 12 lb. gross, as to con-

18(1. A	L	ĎΪ	A :	N a	LC. 1861.
JANUARY.			SUN		MOON'S PHASES.
3 Thursday	7	19	-1	51	ь. п. м.
4 Friday	7	19	-1	52	Last qr., 3 8 47 E.
5 Saturday	7	19	4	53	Now 10 10 12 E.
6 Sunday	7	19	4	54	Firstqr., 18 10 52 E.
7 Monday	7	19	1	55	Full26 11 57 M.
8 Tuesday	7	19	4	56	HIGH WATER.
9 Wednesday	7	19	4	57	JAN'RY, 3 h m.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA- JANUARY 2. Passed up for Washington, Schr. Soa Witch. Hull, from Philadelphia.

ZO-SUN FIRE COMPANY .- At the S6th annual meeting of the Sun Fire Company, held at their Hall, January 1st, the following officers were elected to serve for the cusuing year: President-Hugh Latham.

Second Vice President-R. F. Tatsapaugh. Secretary-William Jenkins. Treasurer-John A. Radd. Engineer-Hiram Webster. First Assistant-Wm. P. McKnight. Second Assistant-Wm. Jenkins. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

First Vice President-John Sullivan.

Engine-John Kerr, Francis Power. Suction-Charles Greenwood, Edgar Price Hose-Edward Warring, John Burrage, Standing Committee-Hugh Latinam, Hiram Webster, Wm. P. McKnight, Robert Williams, and Wm. H. Price.

Wardens-Charles D. Rudd, Wm. H. Price. Axemen-James B. Price, H. Clapdore, John Duffey, and R. Williams.

78 NOTICE .- In consequence of the observance of Friday, 4th last., as a day of fasting, &c., in compliance with Executive recommendation, the Post Office will be opened for business as on Sunday only. T. W. ASHEY, P. M.

BAR IRON CAST STEEL, HORSE SHOES. ment of Bar Iron, both Rolled and Hammered, of the very best quality, which will be closed out for CASH, or for negotiable paper, well endorsed, at the lowest cash prices in the city of New York or

Also, on hand, about 40 kegs of Herse Shoes and other goods in that line, at very low prices. Such an opportunity is seldem to be met with, and I respectfully ask the attention of Blacksmiths and purchasers generally. Call at No. 88, King street, where you will find a general assortment of HARDWARE.

JOUN T. CREIGHTON. Notice.—The undersigned hereby give notice that our accounts will be rendered on the lat of January and lat of July in each year, and that all amounts unpaid will bear interest from these dates, to commence with the first of Jan-

BROWN & CO. S. A. CHANCELLOR. G. W. ADAMS.

JOHN M MORAN. A. G. SMITH.

Middleburg, Va., jan 3-ee2w LIOR HIRE .- A first-rate FARM HAND for

bire for this year. Apply to DR. J. E. CHASE, cor. King & Wash sts.,

IT EY FOUND .- A large KEY, apparently be- tion, giving the consent of Congress to the longing to a safe or store door, and seemingly lately used, was found by one of our citi-

cons on Tuesday, in his cellar window, and left by him at this office, where if the owner calls he jan 3-3t SALT TO ARRIVE.

2.300 SACKS G. A. SALT on the way, which will be sold in lots to suit, at low rates. [jan 3] GRAY, MILLER & CO. MIRGINIA MIXED CLOTH .- Just received another lot of VIRGINIA CLOTH, for Business suits and Overcoats.

DRYAN & ADAMS, Agents. WANTED.—To hire for the ensuing year, at a place about three miles from Alexandria; an unmarried colored WOMAN, to cook and as-Fist in washing. Apply immediately at BURKE & HERBERT'S Banking House, King street, between Fairfux and Royal. dec 28-tf

THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE. In Senate, Wednesday, Jan. 2. Mr. Hunter presented pentions from hardware dealers in several cities complaining of

Mr. Hunter offered a resolution for ceding back the forts and arsenals within the with- view to quiet the present political agitation; drawing States of the Union, on receiving indemnity for the same. Laid over. A question of order was raised as to the Pacific Railroad bill being the special order, Mr. Baker having the floor on unfinished business.

Finally the Pacific Railroad bill was made the special order for Saturday.

Mr. Baker having the floor now preceeded to address the Senate.

He expressed the great responsibility which he felt in speaking in such a presence; complimented the Senator from Louisiana for his recent speech as being the hest that he had heard on the pending questions, but still he deprecated his argument to prove that the Union was actually dissolved. He question. hoped his own purpose was higher.

He hoped to contribute his poor argument to sustain the Government under which he lived and hoped to die. He desired to show that this Government was a substantial power, sovereign in its sphere-a Union and not a mere compact of Sovereign States.

Right and duty were glorious watch words of progress, the indissoluble chain which bound erring humanity to the throne of God. from Louisiana. He denied with Webster, Jackson, or Madison, that this was a compact between states, and not a constitution of the whole people. He quoted Mr. Madison's letter to Mr. Webster, Mr. Webster's argument in the contest with Hayne, a speech of J. Q Adams in New York, and Gen. Jackson's letter, to show that these authorities quoted by Mr. Benjamin militated | the appeal be laid upon the table. directly against his position.

He affirmed that the states was not sovereign; nor was the general government sovereign. As in the Mahammetan formula. there was one God, so in our system there was but one sovereign-the people. He confessed that he did not understand whether the Senator from Louisiana had declared secession to be a right under the constitution or not. He would like to be informed

Mr. Benjamin said he would answer the Senator's question, by asking him another. Suppose the Senate refused to allow South Carolina more than one Senator, and she seceded in consequence, would that he under the constitution?

Mr. Baker replied that the exercise of such power would be unconstitutional, but resistance to it by secession would be revolutionary. Was the Senator answered. Mr. Benjamin. Fully answered, and

amazed at the answer. Mr. Baker. Will the Senator now reply to my question.

Mr. Benjamin said that the right to secede grew out of the Constitution as the right of the State to resume her grants of power when they were abused.

Mr. Baker said that such a power must red 125@133e.; white 140@168e Corn firm; not be inferred. He would like to see the page, paragraph and line.

Mr. Benjamin said he would give the Seaator, page, paragraph and line. If the State did not possess the power under the Constitution, it must either be delegated to the Federal government or prohibited to the States. No one pretended it was either. Then the amendments of the Constitution fornished the paragraph in its declaration that "all powers not granted to the Federal Government or prohibited to the States, are reserved to the States respectively."

Mr. Baker, resuming, declared that a State could only resist oppression by revolution, and that revolution could only be justified by long continued, intolerable and permanent oppression. He reviewed the English, Dutch, and American revolutions as sustaining thi position, and declared that the Senator from South Carolina had made but two points on which to justify the secession of South Carolina. These two points were the fugitive slave law and the question of territorial government. He was informed he had inadvertently said the Senator from South Carolina. It was natural, for

"A substitute shines brightly as a King Unless a King is by." (Laughter) Yet it was on these points alone that the

Senator from Louisiana relied. Mr. Benjamin responded that he had named six causes, and if the gentleman wished,

he could name a dezen more. Mr. Baker said that the gentleman must stand by his record, and not bring in other reasons as make weights. He repeated that all the causes alleged by Mr. Benjamin were included in these categories. To these subjects, he would address himself. In no platform or authoritative exposition had the Republican party declared against the return of fugitive slaves, as contemplated by the federal constitution. He was not authorized to speak for the President elect, but having known him from boyhood, he felt at liberty to declare that he was in favor of executing all the laws of the Union, whether revenue, fugitive slave or territorial. He, himself, would never vote for the unconditional repeal of the fugitive slave law. He hoped that would be satisfactory to the Scuator from Louisiana on that poin .

Mr. Benjamin. Not at all. Not in the emotest degree. Mr. Baker. If I were in court and not in the Senate, I might quote a line or two from Hadibras, expressive of the dislike felt by a culprit to the sentence of the law. He con tinued, urging that the Republican party

had made no attack upon property in slaves. Mr. Benjamin. Your me bers on the Committee of Thirteen, a few days ago, voted unanimously that the constitution did not recognise property in slaves.

Mr. Baker. I shall come to that point after awhile. He argued that the fathers of the Republic held the doctrine that slavery was a creature of the local law. He quoted Henry Clay and General Cass as sustaining those views, and paid a high tribute to those atterances, he recognised in Death the King of

statesman. Mr. B. had not spoken two hours, and Mr. King, of N. Y., moved that the Senate idjourn to enable him to conclude to-morrow

pending which, Mr. Davis introduced a resolution declaring that whereas the military power inherent in a state had been delegated to the federal government to provide for the common defence, and that Congress could an painful illness, Miss HARRIET RECTOR. thorize a state to keep troops in time of peace. therefore that the President be instructed whenever the same was demanded by any whenever the same was demanded by any of Jesus, to be borne to the rest that remains for state convention to withdraw the federal the people of God. She left behind many sorrowtroops from such state, taking security for ing friends, but has gone to units in one eternal or at this Office. federal property therein-and providing song of praise, with many loved ones that passed Will not be hired to go more than six miles from further that upon demand of any State, the away before her. May those left behind seek to Mr. Stabler, of No. 4, reported all its ap-President be directed to issue his proclama | follow after her as she followed Christ. keeping of troops and ships of war by said State in time of peace, The resolution was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Clingman said he had no objection to Mr. Baker's proceeding to-morrow, but Mr. Douglas had left the chamber under the impression that he (Mr. D) had the floor for

Mr. King said Mr. Baker would conclude within an hour, to-morrow. Mr Fessenden was surprised that there should be a moment's pause upon a question of courtesy towards a new Senator.

Mr. Davis said that the courtesy was not And a motion to go into executive session having been negatived, the Senate, at 3 o'ty, just received and for sale by jan 1 BLACKLOCK & MARSHALL, clock, adjourned.

House of Representatives. Mr. Coburn, elected a member of Congress from Maine, in the place of Governor

Washburne, appeared and qualified. Mr. Stratton presented the memorial of Congress recommend amendments to the Constitution, to the several States, with a which was referred to the Select Committee of Thirty-three, as were also the resolutions presented by Mr. Adrain, of a public meeting held at Trenton, New Jersey.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri, asked whether it an early day, if at all: but the question was not answered.

Mr. Davis, of Indiana, withdrew the reso-Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into and rep rt. at any time, what legislation, if any, has become necessary on the part of that the Government was of no avail, and sumed by South Carolina, on the secession

Mr. Holman desired to offer a substitute. denying the right of secession, and looking to the employment of the army and navy to protect the public property, and collect the

could not withdraw his resolution: but The Speaker overruled the points of order. Mr. Sherman claimed the right to offer the original resolution of Mr. Davis, of

Several points were raised, that Mr. Davis

Upon this basis he would meet the Senator Indiana; but this gave rise to a prolonged Finally, the Speaker decided against Mr. Sherman, who appealed from the de-

cision of the Chair. He said it was due to the country there should be a vote on the Mr. Adrain replied that a vote could be taken at some other time, and moved that

This was negatived-yeas 78, nays 77 Mr. Hill moved a reconsideration of the

Mr. Moore, of Kentucky, moved that the House adjourn. Mr. Anderson, of Missouri, for the purpese of avoiding these irritating proceedings. which were calculated to hasten impending

Mr. Sherman desired that his resolution should be referred to a select committee of five members, with such instructions as would not probably excite discussion. The motion to adjourn was negatived-

yeas 57, navs 100 Mr. Howard, of Michigan, moved to refer Mr. Sherman's resolution to a select commit tee of five members, with instructions (which were merely read for information) to inquire about the seizure of the forts at Charleston. the arsenal, the custom house, post office etc., and to report from time to time such facts as the material interests of the country may demand.

Mr. Sherman said he was willing to thus refer his resolution without a vote; but Mr. Houston and other gentlemen were unwilling to agree to such a compromise. The House, on motio : of Mr. Hill, recon

the motion on the table. The question, therefore, again occurred on laying the appeal of Mr. Sherman from the Speaker's decision on the table, and w s de-

eided in the negative-yeas 80, navs 82. Mr. Valandigham moved that the House adjourn, but the motion was disagreed to by a large majority.

Other dilatory motions were made, and the House adjourned with coming to a conclusion on the subject. Samuel Andrews Committee C

MARRIED.

At Philadelphia, on the 27th ult, by the Rev W. Shield, ADFRED D. BERGHMANS, o. the Beigian Legation, to LILY LYTLE, daughte of Charles Macalester, of Philadelphia.

OBITUARY.

Pier, on the morning of the 25th of December. 1860, at his residence in Culpeper county, of ty phoid fever, after an illness of five days, CON WAY SPILMAN, in the 76th year of his age. The death of this venerable man deserves mor than a simple announcement. For verily be wa an upright and just man, in whose demise society has sustained a loss that will be serely felt. His character was formed on a model that belonged to a past generation—a generation whose moderation. justice and good sonse is sailly needed to temper the times in which we live. The silent influence of such a life as was his, in restraining evil and leveloping good, it is well for the fiving to consider. Men are naturally inclined to imitate what day and generation.

The subject of this notice, made duty the great controlling principle of his life, and in all his rebutions to society, he constantly recognised its obligations upon him. It was by this simple ele ment of his character, that, although active in the discharge of his duties, and firm and fixed in himonious of the men and things of his day, he went through life, from early youth to old age with a reputation that was never stained by the breath of reproach. Of a retiring and domesti disposition, be rather shanned than rought the notice of his fellow men,-but he never shrank from any position to which duty called him. He enlisted as a soldier in the war of 1812, and march ed for the seeke of could et; but the company to which he belonged not being needed, was dischar ged without being called into active service .-Through subsequent life, these struggles which seem to charm so many, could never altract him from the retiracy of domestic enjoyments. Thuse positions of prominence which most hearts seem others, and

"Along the cool sequestered vala of life.

He kept the noiseless tenor of his way. For nearly 50 years, he was a firm believer est of that time was an influential member of the Hedgeman River Baptist Chareb. And while as a member of society, duty a ways controlled his actions; as a member of the church of Christ, charity was the predominant element of his piety. Firmly maintaining his own opinions and convictions, he was always tolerant of the opinions of others. His piety was also active, and develope itself in liberal contributions, for his means, to all benevolent and christian enterprises

The close of such a life could not be otherwise than peaceful and calm. As indicated by his last Terrors, over whome he was assured of a glorious triumph-through that faith which speaketh bet ter things than the blood of Abel. His death seene was "the chambers where the good man meets his fate." Thus he lived, and thus he died, leaving to his children, in his spotless name, an in heritance richer than silver and gold

| Religious Herald copy. | Digo, at Mt. Pleasant, near Rectortown. Fau quier county, on the lath ult., after a short and had been a consistent member of the Methodis church for a number of years. Her end was peaceful and happy, calmly falling asieep in the arms DIED, in Baltimore, on the 80th ult., WILLIAM

was formerly a resident of Washington. BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION,) Tuesday, 8th of January text. dec 31-did P. E. HOFFMAN, Cachier.

R. LOVEGROVE, in the 38th year of his age. He

TANUARY Ist., 1861 .- My Bills to this date are how made out and ready. I trust that all my with the Mayor, and comest his order to chaims will be promptly responded to, as I have a large amount of money to raise, to meet my own engagements this month. JOHN H. PARROTT. jan 1-ti OUNTRY BACON, -A lot of beautiful Batas. Sides, and Shoulders, from Rockingham cone-

the 6th of February.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Destructive Fire in Washington.

morning, by which property to the value citizens of Newark, New Jersey, asking that of nearly one hundred thousand dollars was destroyed. We give from the Washington Star of vesterday afternoon the following

"About three o'clock this morning, fire broke out in the building owned by Mr. W. II. Philip, and occupied as a grocery store by Mr. H. C. Purdy, south side of Penn. was likely the Committee would report at avenue, between Four-and-a half and Sixth sts., which spread very rapidly, soon communicating with adjoining buildings on eith-The House passed the Indian Appropriator side, and destroying nearly one hundred thousand dollars worth of property. The leading cause of the fire proving so destruclution offered on Monday, instructing the tive may be stated in the last that on yesterday the Potomac water was shut off from the avenue, from Eight st., west to the Navy Yard, by order of the Government, leaving Congress, in consequence of the position as- all that section of the city in no condition to suppress a conflagration.

Below we give a statement of the loses sustained and the amount of insurance, so far as we are able to ascertain through the courtesy of the agents of the several insurance companies which suffer by the fire. Philip's house, valued at \$12,000. Insur-

ed in Franklin Company (D. C.) for \$3,000; Eina (Hartford) for \$5,000. Purdy's stock, valued at \$10,000. Insurance, (in Firemen's and Potomae Compan-

ies.) \$8,500. Emery's house, valued at \$12,000. In-Etna (Hartford) for \$2,000. Stever's stock, saved in a damaged con-

lition, and loss covered by insurance. state, valued at \$8,000. Insured in Potoince Company (D. C.) for \$4,000. Harper's stock all destroyed, loss \$5,000,

and no insurance. Furniture saved. J. P. Ingle's house valued at \$7,000 damaged to the estimated extent of \$1,000. Insured in the Franklin Company (D. C.) for on Wednesday night, a request was made nent government and that the eight deputies

Bridgett's stock, valued at \$9,000. sured in Mutual Company (D. C.) for \$2,-000. Loss estimated at \$2,000. John M. Young's building and stock valuevents, suggested that the House go into a

Committee of the Whole on the State of the surance. Murray & Semmes's house, valued at \$10, 000; stock, valued at \$15,000. House insured in Firemen's and Washington Compa- hoped that the example may be followed by nies for \$3,000 and \$2,000; stock insured in the other Fire Companies of the city. Let Firemen's Franklin and Washington Com- our citizens aid, by donations of good books, nies for \$5,000 \$5,000, and \$3,000. Loss

> Thomas Young's house, valued at \$10,-000, damaged to the extent of 1,000. Loss

severed by insurance. In John M. Young's building, Messrs, W. II. & O. II. Morrison, booksellers, had stored a large quantity of valuable books, (archives. State Papers, Congressional Globes) a large portion of which were saved from the flames by the exertions of those engaged in the work of rescue. The books were insuced for the Etna Company (Hartford)

Mr. Pardy informs us that his store, when he reached it, was on fire in as many as five different places; that his safe was broken open and \$100 abstracted therefrom. The store was entered, he thinks, from the rear door, against which a quantity of straw was piled and burning when the fire was first discovered."

The fire companies of this city were tele-About 10 o'clock, the previous night, an

FIRE DEPARTMENT, LAST NIGHT.-The ident, and Messrs, C. W. Green, Atkinson, Carne, Rudd, Adams, Stabler, Latham, J. W. Green, and Barton, and the Chief Engi-

A considerable number of firemen, attached to various companies, were also pre-

sent as spectators. The minutes of the last meeting were read and app o ed after which a communication was read from the Friendship Fire Company, stating that said company had long since executed the order passed by the Depart- variety of neat and well-finished FURNITURE. ment, on the 13th of June, by expelling the guilty member, whereupon the operation of Carpetings, Stoves, &c., &c. they venerate and esteem, and it is thus that the said order was declared not to affect the lives of good men impress themselves upon their commany further, and the communication

was ordered on file. The trial of the Relief Fire Company then came on, and the witnesses being sworn by Justice Shaw, Messrs. James A. Javies, Stephen Shinn, James W. Shinn, Grandary, 1861, finds me at the old stand. sworn by Justice Shaw, Messrs, James A Samuel S. Coleman, and Richard Rollins, gave their testimony at length, the substance f the whole being that Stephen Sainn, esq., had notified the Relief Fire Company he would require a rent of \$300 per annum from them if they continued to use the Ea gine House, the property being his; that, thereupon, the company had vacated the house, and that the apparatus had been removed, and then replaced by the Chief Engineer. That the second story had been rented to the First Ward Union Club, who held a meeting in front of it on the evening of the 31st of August, on which occasion the so much to covet, he always gladly resigned to bell was rung by some persons in the stee- regard to former rates. Please call soon and call ple, about whose identity the witnesses could not speak with certainty. That the Chief Engine r spoke about the ringing to Mr. Shinn, who had the bell stopped, but that it commenced again, and that the Chief Engineer was unable to get through the crowd, to go up stairs and stop it. Mr Shinn stated that he claimed no charge of the bell, except as a member of No. 3. A lengthy discussion then ensued, as to the responsibility of the company, in which Messrs, C. W. Green, Stabler, J. W. Green, Carne, Javins, and Latham participated, and the vote being taken on sustaining the charge, it was declared

Aves-Messrs, Javins, Atkinson, Carne, Rudd, Adams, Stabler, Winttington, Latham, and Barton-9.

Noes-Messrs, C. W. Green, and J. W. Green-2. In reply to a question from Mr. Atkinson, the Chief Engineer reported all the apperatus in good order, but that the lose was in rather poor condition and insufficient quantity. Mr. Atkinson declared his conviction that all the hose of No. I would barst if tried to-night, which the Chief En gineer doubted. Mr. Latham stated that part of the hose of No. 2 required repairs. Mr. J. W. Green reported all the appara-

paratus in good order. Mr. Barton believed the apparatus of No. 5 to be in good order, but the kose doubtful.

tus, &c., of No. 3 in good order.

and in very small quantity. After a debate between Messrs, Latham. J. W. Green, Stattler and C. W. Green, Mr. ALEXANDRIA, Dec 29, 1860.

A. R. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS for the Bank of the Old Dominion and Branch, will the Relief Fire Computer be held responsible. Latham offered a resolution declaring that be held at the Banking House, in Alexandria, on for the use of its hell in future, but with drew it, by consent, and effered the follow-Resolved, That the Chief Engineer advise

> by the Relief Pere Company, to prevent its improper use. Department adjourned to meet at the Hall SMOOT & PESSY, dealers in LUMBER, of the Sun Fire Company, on Wednesday of the Sun Fire Company, on Wednesday, PLASTER, No. 40, South Usign STREET, ALEX- cure the repeal of the "personal liberty"

lock up the access to the bell bornerly used

ALEXANDRIA, LOUDOUN AND HAMPSHIRE RAILROAD .- In the City Council of Georgetown, Monday evening, the resolution direct-A fire occurred in Washington yesterday ing the committee before Congress, to ask of that body authority for that corporation to subscribe \$200,000 for 2,000 shares of Loudon and Hampshire Railroad stock to be applied to the construction of a Georgetown branch, said subscription to be submitted to the voters to the next election, after dedate, passed the Board of Common Council by the following vote. Ayes-Messrs. English, Fearson, Hill, Pickell, Stakes, Tenney and Williams-7. Nays-Messrs. Dun-

lop and King-2. The resolution was laid on the table in the Board of Aldermen until Thursday evening next, to which time both Boards adjourned. Thursday evening was fixed upon in cousequence of Friday next having been set apart as a day of fasting and prayer, in accordance with the recommendation of the President of the United States.

WASHINGTON ITEMS. - John Sessford, sr., sends his annual budget to the National Intelligencer, in which he gives an exhibit of the improvements in the city during the past year, as follows:-Number of brick houses built 172, number of frame do. 30--total 202. In the First Ward 28, Second Ward 36, Third Ward 37, Fourth Ward 36, Fifth Ward 9, Sixth Ward 12, Seventh Ward 44. Number of shaps 19, number of additions

There is a very general belief in this city that there will be an organized attempt to prevent the inauguration of President Linsured in Mutual Company (D. C.) for \$4,000, | coln, in case some terms of conciliation are not previously agreed upon.

A report that the South Carolina Commissioners were to be treated to a calithumpian House owned by the Raphael Semmes serenade on Tuesday night, caused a considerable police force to repair to their neighborhood to prevent it. It was however, a

the Hall of the Eugine House, as a Library Room, which was at once granted. It is proposed to fit the Hall up for a Library at once, and we are requested to say that donaed at \$30,000, totally destroyed and no in- tions of books from our citizens will be most thankfully received by the Company. This is a most excellent move on the part of the | bor. members of the Sun Company, and it is the work thus begun.

OPENING OF THE SOUP HOUSE -Yesterday, at noon, the Soup House was opened, and sixty gallons of excellent soup furnished, gratis, to the poer. For more than an hour the operatives at the Soup House were kept busily engaged supplying the applicants, who, in a few minutes afterwards, could be seen in all parts of the city, with cans, pitchers, bowls, jars, buckets, or whatever else could contain the soup, hurrying home to have a good meal. On the first day the supply is somewhat limited; but from and after to-day, the supply will be greater, and all that of Mr. McPherson, of Pennsylvania, can have an abundance.

NEW RIFLE COMPANY .- By reference to a notice in another column of to-day's Gazette, t will be seen that the new Rifle Company will meet to-night at their Armory, American Hall. We understand that the roll list graphed to for aid, but the dispatch was | youd the expectations of the Company's most not received in season, to enable them to sanguine friends, and that everything relating to the Company's prosperity is in a flourishing condition. The business to be pointed. attempt was made to fire the premises occu- transacted to-night is of an important napied by Mr. Samstag, corner of E and 7th ture, and the attendance of each and every directed the mail-service of South Carolina ing, Pulleys and Hangers, Tobacco Screws, Pumps, member is requested.

For -A dense fog prevailed in the river Department met at the Hall of the Sun Fire | and over the city, yesterday morning. Very Company, present: Maj. Whittington, Pres- early, it was so thick that navigation was

Best T. B. R., on Secession, and other communications on hand, will be inserted | the floor of the Senate, and it is understood as early as possible.

SALE THIS DAY. sell, on Thursday, January 3d, 1°61, at the resi- no foundation. dence of Robert Brashears, in Fairfax County. adjoining Joseph Bruin's jail, at West End, a consisting of Tables, Chairs, Beds and Bedsteads. T. Rus -All sums of \$10, and over, a credit of 60 days will be given, requiring a note, with an ment.

endorser, of the purchaser. JAMES FOSSETT, Trustee.

GEO. PARGETT, Auctioneer. l'airfax county, dec 31 -- dts (166 King street.) with more BOOKS, STATION-ARY and VARIETY GOODS, than I have any take up too much room to give the names. Besides which, I have one of the best and lar-

in Alexandria, including PIANOS, MELODEONS, GUITARS, &c., &c And in addition to the above, I have near ten thou and pieces of sheet Music and s methingless | the purpose of the Executive to collect the than a hundred different kinds of Musical Works. vocal and instrumental.

IU-10AL MERCHANDISE ever offered for sale

in conclusion, I will just say, I am prepared to ofer great inducements for each or to punctual dealers, as I am determined to sell without any very often. [jan 1] JOHN H. PAEROTT FOR RENT.—The large and desirable two

street, at present occupied by the Rev. Wm. C. Blonnt. Possession given about the middle of | Charleston. January. For terms, "pply at FRENCH'S Book and Periodical Store, 104 King street. jan 2-4f

M 1881NG .- A BOX, marked "J. B. Wilson, Washington," supposed to have been landed in error from Schr, Surprise, from New A BUNDLE OF GAS TUBES, marked "C.

Snyder," per steamer S. Seymour, trom Philadel

Information thankfully received at the Office of WM. H. FOWLE & SON, No. 4 South Wharves CITRAYED OR STOLEN .- On Thursday, 27th | bor, and that the Channel is obstructed by of December, a small RED COW, with horns, and thin in flesh-no marks recollected. A suitable reward will be given for her return to the subscriber, living on Queen, between Royal and Pitt.

streets, or on application to Mr. H. C. DORSEY. orner of Queen and St. Asaph streets. PATRICK MURRAY. ian 2-----31# EREAFTER, until further notice, the Passenger Trains of the Grange and Alexandria lailroad, will leave and arrive at the depot, corner I buke and Henry streets, with the exception of he 2 o'clock train, which will land at the Steam-J. M. BROADUS, G. T A.

A LEXANDRIA SAVINGS INSTITUTION. tion will be held at my office, on Thursday west, 3rd last, between the lower of 11 and 1 o'clock. WM. C. YEATON, Cashier. SERVANTS WANTED.

dec 22 -tf

ASDRIA, VA.

jan 2--east of both sexes. and MARY, will sail for the above post in o few days. Persons wanting freight, will apply to [jan 1-2t] - L. N. HARPER & CO.

WASHINGTON & CO.,

Grocery, Liquor, and Commission Merchants,

No. 11, Union Street, ALEXANDRIA, VA.



BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH. S. CARCLINA CONVENTION.

Fifteenth Day's Proceedings.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 2 .- The second balloting

for Commissioners to Georgia and Texas has The Committee appointed for the purpose, made a report, recommending measures to insure the confederation of the Southern States, and to provide for their future political relations. In their report they say this is necessary to maintain their rights, securi-

ty and the existence of slavery in the South. The instrument called the Constitution of the United States is suggested as a suitable and proper lasis to be offered to all the seceding States for a provisional Government; and the reason for this is, that it is fairly and properly constructed, and will secure the objects desired if fairly construed. The dissatisfaction which exists in South Carolica is not because of anything in the Constitution, but of the false glosses and dangerous misrepresentations and perversions of some of its provisions by the North. Another among other reasons for the recommendation, is that it presents a complete scheme of confederation, capable of speedily being put int operation, and which would produce a prompt organization for internal necessities and sufficient protection to Commerce.

The committee propose an amendment to the former act, limiting the terms of all officers to two years from the first of July next, or until a permanent government shall have each) will be fired to-day in honor of Major been organized. They recommend also, that the Commissioners to the Southern States unite a convention to meet at such time and place as may be appointed to form such provisional government, to be organized and A New Library-Good Move .- At the take effect previous to the fourth of March, annual meeting of the Sun Fire Company, and also, to take action to establish a permaby a portion of the members for the use of elected by ballot be authorized to meet deputies from other seceding States to carry the foregoing into effect. The convention again went into secret ses-

The Columbia Artillery, fifty strong, have

arrived here and will proceed down the har-

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE GAZETTE'S SPECIAL DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- The House, a day r two since, permitted to pass to its first reading, a bill introduced by Mr. Bingham, entitled "an act to secure the collection of the revenue," and the bill was referred to the Judiciary committee, of which Mr. Bingham is Chairman. This bill, which has thus secured easy entrance into the business of the House, is nothing less than the celebrated Force Bill of 1832, which has expired by limitation. It will be reported in a few

The name sent to the Senate, to-day, as that of collector of the port of Charleston, is who it is said, aspires to the honors of mar-

The President has certainly determined to carry out the federal laws in relation to the collection of revenue at Charleston, but a strong effort will be made to prevent this: first by preventing an Executive session of of the Rifles has increased considerably be. the Senate, and second by refusing to confirm any nominations for federal offices in South Carolina except of South Carolinians, none of whom it is known, will serve if ap-It is said that the Postmaster General has

> to cease after Monday next. An immense throng, including many Aldrawn thither by the expectation that the on reasonable terms. President would send to Congress an important message, but especially to hear Senator Douglas, who it was expected would speak. Col. Baker, of Oregon, however, occupied

that the President has not determined when to send his message to Congress. The rumors in circulation concerning at-

It is not true as has been reported, that the House Committee of Thirty-three have accepted Senator Crittenden's proposition, but some of the members are yet hopeful but they may arrive at some general agree-

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH. the Senate refused to-day, to go into execu- North side King Street, Alexandria. mb 20 tive session, was a party vote, Messrs. Bigler, Powell and Latham voting with the Republicans. Several messages had been preuse for and it would require too much time and viou-ly received from the President, which it was rumored were in relation to the South Carolina Commissioners, but the truth was gest stocks of MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS and that the President had nominated to the Smate a collector of the Port of Charleston | market furnishes. vice Colcock. This action highly pleases the Republicans, and is supposed to exhibit

> revenue at Charleston as indicated in his annual message. The reports that Mr. Seward has some upon the subject of the present difficulties. The President to day nominated to the Senate for confirmation, William McPherson, of Pennsylvania, for Collector of the Port

The following is the Committee of one from each State, appointed by the resolution of the border State committee last week, to prepare and report on the crisis. They hold their first meeting to-morrow morning .-Mr. Crittend mehairman, Messrs. Harris, of Maryland, Sherman, Nixon, Saulsbury, Gilnand, Barrett, Sebastian, Vanderver, and Haile, of Pa.

Pr.vate accounts from Charleston, say that | be surpassed. a thousand negroes are fortifying the harsunken vessels, and also, that the buoys have been removed, and the lights extinguished.

Message of the Governor of Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 2 .- Gov. Packer's message will be laid before the Legislature at noon. It takes strong grounds, and terms secession, rebellion: but urges the necessity of purging the statute books of all enactments that can justly be charged with violating the rights of any sister States. It recommends a revival of the act of 1826, allowing the slave claimant the right to DENTAL SURGEON, Corner of Washington choose his remedy in the State or National law, and also that the owner or master shall hours from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 4 P. M. have the right to retain the services of the slave when s journing in or passing through the State. It recommends the re enactment WANTED AT THE CITY HOTEL, in Al- of the Missouri compromise line by amendment by State Conventions. If Congress 53 FOR NORFOLK. - The schr. WILLIAM | fails to provide for this, let the subject cmanate from the people.

He closes by expressing devotion to Pennsylvania, the Union, and the citizens. These he will defend through every peril.

Conservative Indications at Providence R. L. PROVIDENCE, (R. I.) Jan. 2d .- The City Council have passed a resolution instructing the representatives of this city in the State Logis ature to use their authorors, to ATTORNEY AT LAW,-Alexandria, Va. an 27-1y law of the State.

Message of the Governor of New York. ALBANY, Jan. 2 .- Gov. Morgan, in his nessage to the Legislature, after referring to other State reforms, devotes the last portion of his mes-age to secession, and closes by saying that it is the duty of all national legislatures to act with moderation and conciliation, and that it is the duty, also, of the public press to act with a regard for the rights of all sections and interests, which its vast influence demands. Let New York set an example in this respect; let her oppose no barrier, but let her representatives give ready support to any just and honorable settlement; let her stand in hostility to none, but extend the hand of friendship to all; live up to the strict letter of the Constitution cordially unite with the other members of the Confederacy in proclaiming and enforcing a determination that the Constitution shall be honored and the union of the States be preserved. He recommends the repeal of the Personal Liberty bill, and also recommends that other States do the same.

Affairs in Norfolk. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 2.—There is pos-

itively nothing known to be going on here

in relation to naval or army movements.

All is quiet both at the Navy Yard, Roads and Fort. Personal Liberty Bills. PORTLAND, Jan. 2 .- The City Councils

have passed a resolution instructing their representative in the Legislature to vote to repeal the Personal Liberty Law of this State. Salute for Major Anderson.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Three salutes in

different sections of the city (of thirty guns

Anderson.

BUSINESS CARDS. J. D. CORSE. Banking, Exchange, and Collection Office of CORSE BROTHERS, No. 93 Exchange Block.

ceeds subject to Check, or remit promptly to any designated point.
We will deal in Exchange, Time Bille, Promisory Notes, Uncurrent Money, Coin, &c. STOCKS and other SECURITIES bought and sold on Commission, and LOANS negotiated on favor-

feb 19-tf ARTHUR HERBERT. J. W. BURKE. Banking, Exchange, and Collection Office of BURKE & HERBERT, No. 59, King-street.

STOCKS and other SECURITIES bought and sold n Commission. J. HUMPHREYS. H. B. TALIAPERRO.

MERCHANTS, No. 11 King street, Alexandria, Va. REFERENCES :- Messrs. Fowle & Co., Alexan-John G. Beale, Fauquier county, Virginia.

Wm. Bayne, Baltimore, Maryland.

THOMAS S. JAMIESON,
MACHINIST and
IRON FOUNDER, Corner of Royal and Wilkes streets, ALEXANDRIA, VA.,
S prepared to execute orders for STATIONERY STEAM ENGINES, BOILERS, Mill Gearing, Shaftor Cast Railing, Columns and Girders, Gas or Water

GEORGE SIGGERS, BOOK-BINDER AND PAPER RULER.

MUSIC, Magazines, and Old Books bound in any style. I also Rule, and make to order, any description of BLANK BOOKS, which I will warrant to be made of the best paper and materials, and bound in the strongest manner. Bank Officers, TURE AT AUCTION.—I will proceed to ing of additional troops to Charleston, have Books, are respectfully invited to give me a call.

> JEFFERSON TACEY, PAPER-HANGER, UPHOLSTERER, GILDER, And House Decorator in General. THILST returning his grateful acknowledgements to his numerous friends for their very liberal encouragement during the two years be has been amongst them, assures them that it will be his continued effort to serve them with promptness, WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The vote by which and at moderate charges, at his old Stand, No. 149,

> > No. 4, Spears' Wharf, Baltimore, Baltimore, mh 22-1y

LAGER BEER BREWERY, End, King-street, Alexandria, Virginia, JOHN KLEIN, PROPRIETOR. AVING made the most approved and modern improvements for the successful manufacture plan of compromise to propose are untrue, of a pure LAGER BEER, persons ordering from nor will be deliver any speech in the Senate me can rely upon getting the bestarticle. Orders solicited and promptly attended to. Address as nov 27-1y

BLACKLOCK, DENT & CO.,
GROCERS AND PRODUCE MERCHANTS,

DEALERS IN

FERRY SLIP, ALEXANDRIA, VA. C. C. BRADLEY, CABINET, CHAIR & SOFA MANUFACTURER. Corner of King & Alfred sts., Alexandria, Va. mer, Hatton, Petit, Harris, of Va., McClernand, Barrett, Schastian, Vanderger, and Sofas, and Chairs of every variety, and on the low-

> mh 4—1y H. I. GREGORY, Nos. 118 and 120 King street, AS for sale Refrigerators, Water Coolers, Tin Safes, Ice Cream Freezers, Kereosene and Coal Oil Lamps, Coal Oil, Tin Ware, at wholesale,

> M. ELDRIDGE. F. A. REED. F. A. REED & CO., COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 6, South Wharves, ALEXANDRIA, VA., Will keep constantly on hand a good supply of EASTERN FISH.

my H

J. EDWARD CHASE, M. D., Entrance on Washington street. Office

HUNTON & RIDGELY, WHOLESALE DEALERS in

LIQUORS, 41 KING-STREET. DAVY & HARMON, ROCERS-DEALERS IN CORN MEAL.

of MILL-FEED, corner of Prince and Royal sts., ap 19—dly Alexandria, Va. THOMAS PERRY,

CORN, OATS, BALE HAY, and all kinds

JOHN MARSHALL.

A. & C. E. Stuart, ap 27-15

WE will make Collections on all accessible points in the United States, and hold pro-

> able terms. Interest allowed to Depositors. A varied experience of many years in this business, enables us to offer our services with confidence

WE will make Collections on all accessible points in the United States, and hold proceeds subject to Check, or remit promptly to any designated point.
We will deal in Exchange, Time Bills, Promisory Notes, Uncurrent Money, Coin, &c.

HUMPHREYS & TALIAFERRO, (SUCCESSORS TO MARSHALL & CO.) Grocers, Commission and Forwarding

Col. John Willis, Orange county, Virginia. Jno. S. Buckner, Rappahannock county, Va. Edward C. Marshall, Fauquier county, Virginia.

Pipe, and Machinery of every description. Supeexandrians, attended at the Capitol, to-day, rior CASTINGS made to order at short notice and

No. 75 Prince Street, opposite the Gazette Office,

WM. S. PAYNE, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT, WILL give diligent personal attention to all business committed to his charge and ran business committed to his charge, and respectfully solicits of his friends and the public generally, their consignments of Grain, Flour, Tobacco, &c., and their orders for whatever the

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC LIQUORS, WINES, SEGARS, &c.,

est terms, which, for durability and finish, cannot House Furnishing Goods, Bath Tubs, Stoves, &c.

TRAS, TOBACCO, and

Commission Merchant, No. 5, South Wharves, ALEXANDRIA, VA.